

REMARKS

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEWS

During the Examiner-initiated telephone interviews on August 30 and September 1, 2006, Examiner Mehrpour (and her supervisor) stated that the above claim amendments would place the application in condition for allowance if the word "telephone" were not deleted from the independent claims 7, 9 and 10.

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However, Applicant respectfully submits that the modifier "telephone" for a "watch" is not necessary for the patentability/allowability of the claims, as the claimed "crystal" could be used in connection with any kind of watch using a keyboard, and is not limited to a "telephone" watch.

Therefore, Applicant again respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and to find the application to be in condition for **allowance** with all of the pending claims 2-5, 7, 9 and 10, as, Applicant respectfully submits, it is the limitation, "wherein the upper face of the crystal facing the exterior of the watch has a continuous smooth surface", which renders the claims patentable/non-obvious/allowable over the prior art.

However, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. APPLN. NO. 09/767,722

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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